

I can understand the broadcasters' argument to some degree, and I can see why they may object to local information being put over satellite. It's the same argument that makes it illegal to receive a local television channel from another market via satellite. While receiving another local TV station may infringe on a local broadcaster's territory, I believe that satellite radio is totally different because of its overall mobility. The traffic reports that I receive are there because I am mobile. The content on the channels is not being broadcast anywhere else over the airwaves, and therefore isn't infringing on another broadcaster's rights. There also is a need to maintain the ability to change channels while going from city to city, which makes this a unique situation.